REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 and 3-18 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

In item 1 on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1, 12-15, and 18 (incorrectly identified by the Examiner as claims 1 and 12-18) have been rejected as being anticipated by Nunneley et al. (US Pat. No. 5,754,963) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

The rejection has been noted and claim 1 has been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application. More specifically, the feature of claim 2 has been added to claim 1.

Since claim 2 contains allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner in item 2 on pages 2-3 of the Office action, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. Since claims 12-15 and 18 are ultimately dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be allowable as well.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement in items 2-3 on pages 2-3 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 2-11 and 16-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The feature of claim 2 has been added to claim 1. Since claims 3-11 and 16-17 are ultimately dependent on allowable claim 1, they are believed to be allowable in dependent form.

In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance to claims 1 and 3-18 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to

the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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